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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COACH

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1. PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (BOC) SAYS THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN RECRUITING LTC CONWAY (RET) AS A MARKSMANSHIP COACH, IF CONWAY WILLING TO ACCEPT TERMS ORIGINALLY OFFERED (TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM BOLIVIA, FURNISHED HOUSING, SALARY \$US 800 PER MONTH).

2. BOC HAS SENT RESPONSE TO CONWAY LETTER OF AUGUST 30, ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE LTC CONWAY THAT U.S. COACHES NOW IN BOLIVIA ARE DISSATISFIED. THEY CLAIM BOC NOT FULLY HONORING CONTRACTS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR EXCESS BAGGAGE PAYMENTS AND THEY HAVE TO PAY PART OF RENT OUT-OF-POCKET, THOUGH CONTRACTS INDICATED THESE EXPENSES WOULD BE COVERED.

4. THE BOC IS NOT CONDUCTING A GENERAL PURGE OF FOREIGN COACHES. THE U.S. TENNIS COACH, THE GYMNASTICS COACH, AND THE POLISH FENCING COACH HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THEIR CONTRACTS ARE BEING TERMINATED. THE SECOND HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF THE GOB HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE GETTING RID OF AS MANY FOREIGN COACHES AS IT COULD AND REPLACING THEM WITH BOLIVIAN COACHES WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK FOR MUCH LESS MONEY

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(DOLS US 300-400 PER MONTH MAXIMUM). IF LTC CONWAY STILL

INTERESTED IN COMING TO BOLIVIA, IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS
OUTLINED ABOVE, SUGGEST HE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE BOC.
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